



IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Application No. 09/925,065 Art Unit: 1634
Applicant: Wang, David G. Examiner: Switzer, Juliet Caroline
Date Filed: August 8, 2001 Conf. No. 2603
Docket No. 108827.135 Cust. No. 23483
Title: IDENTIFICATION AND MAPPING OF SINGLE NUCLEOTIDE
POLYMORPHISMS IN THE HUMAN GENOME

CERTIFICATION UNDER 37 CFR § 1.8(a)

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PETITION FROM RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.144

Dear Sir:

On July 1, 2004, a Restriction Requirement was made limiting the sole claim in the above-referenced application ("Application"). Applicant elected, with traverse, SEQ ID Nos. 1-12,108 on October 1, 2004, and amended claim 1 accordingly.

In an Office Action dated February 18, 2005, the restriction requirement (made July 1, 2004) was made final.

Applicant petitions the Director to review this restriction requirement.

Herewith, Applicant is filing a request to convert this Application into a Statutory Invention Registration (SIR) (copy of Request enclosed). This Application contains the sequences of 959,027 SNP nucleic acids sequences, all of which Applicant desires to dedicate to

the public domain through a Statutory Invention Registration (“SIR”). Applicant’s goal is to allow scientists to freely work on these sequences and possibly identify new diseases and/or correlate the sequences with existing disease states. By converting this Application into an SIR, Applicant will be able to use the SIR defensively as a prior art document to ensure that no one entity can patent a sequence disclosed in this Application, as patenting will remove that sequence from the public domain and prevent the work of scientists on that sequence.

As this Application will never issue as a patent, Applicant respectfully avers that the restriction requirement should not be maintained, since SIRs are not required to meet the requirements of patentability under 35 U.S.C. §102 or 35 U.S.C. §103. Thus, no search for prior art needs to be done of the sequences of the Application’s sole claim. Moreover, it is not unduly burdensome for the Examiner to examine all of the sequences, since an SIR need only meet the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §112, which Applicant avers that the Application does.

Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the Director reconsider and withdraw the restriction requirement in this Application, allow the Applicant to amend claim 1 to its original state (which claimed all 959,027 sequences), and allow simultaneous examination of all of the SNP nucleic acid sequences in the Application’s sole claim.

CONCLUSION

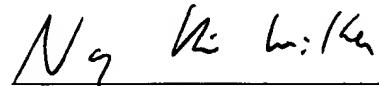
Applicant filed this Application containing 959,027 sequences with the intention of dedicating these sequences to the public domain through an SIR. As an SIR does not need to meet the requirements of 35 U.S.C. §102 or 35 U.S.C. §103, Applicant respectfully avers that it is not unduly burdensome for all 959,027 sequences to be examined together. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the restriction requirement be reconsidered and withdrawn.

If the Director believes that any further discussion of this communication would be helpful, s/he is encouraged to contact the undersigned by telephone.

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Respectfully submitted,
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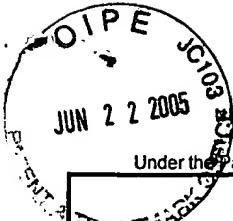


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Request for Statutory Invention Registration

Application Number 09/925,065, or attached heretoFiled: August 8, 2001Applicant(s): Wang, David G.Title: Identification and Mapping of Single Nucleotide Polymorphisms in the Human Genome.

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3. Understand that the above waiver will be effective pursuant to 37 CFR 1.293 upon publication of the Statutory Invention Registration to waive the inventor's right to receive a United States patent on the invention claimed in the Statutory Invention Registration. (37 CFR 1.293(b)(1))
4. State that, in my opinion, the disclosure and claims of the above identified patent application meet the requirements of 35 U.S.C. 112. (37 CFR 1.293(b)(3))
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